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Mr. Leonard Boteilho  
Barrick Mercur Gold Mine  
8 East Broadway, Suite 720  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Re: Approval to Proceed with Reservation Canyon Tailing Impoundment Final Closure, Barrick Resources (USA) Inc., Barrick Mercur Gold Mine, M/045/017, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Boteilho:

On August 3, 1999, the Division received Barrick's Closure and Reclamation Plan for the Reservation Tailings Impoundment. The review of this plan consisted of an onsite meeting October 20, 1999, which included a technical review of the plan. As a result of this visit, several clarifications were addressed by Barrick, which were received on November 3, 1999. The Division appreciates your quick response to our concerns.

The plan addressed the technology required to close this tailings impoundment facility. The need to evaporate large quantities of waste water generated from the gold mining operation will dictate the rate at which this facility can be reclaimed. Review of the plan addressed such issues as long term stability of the tailings, chronology of the cover placement on the tailings, magnitude of settlement, a storm water management plan, and post closure monitoring.

This closure plan does not significantly deviate from the basic design and reclamation goals of the previous closure plan; however, the new plan describes the actual closure tasks in more detail. Barrick may proceed with implementing this latest closure plan as soon as conditions allow.

Please continue to keep us advised as the closure work progresses on the tailings impoundment. We would like to observe some of the actual construction techniques that will be used as the closure plan is implemented. Thank you for your diligent work in moving this reclamation project ahead.

Sincerely,

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Minerals Reclamation Program

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